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SUMMARY: THE QUEEN'S SPEECH ON THE OPENING OF PARLIA-  
MENT CONTAINED FEW SURPRISES AS A STATEMENT OF THE  
CALLAGHAN GOVERNMENT'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. THE SPEECH  
EMPHASIZED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO DEVOLUTION  
FOR SCOTLAND AND WALES AND FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. IT LIKEWISE RESTATED SUPPORT FOR  
A DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND CONTINUED  
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COOPERATION WITH THE IRISH REPUBLIC TOWARD THE OBJECTIVE  
OF LASTING PEACE IN THE PROVINCE. ON ECONOMIC ISSUES,  
A RETURN TO FULL EMPLOYMENT, SUSTAINED GROWTH AND RE-  
DUCED LEVELS OF INFLATION WERE ALSO EMPHASIZED AS OBJEC-  
TIVES FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN THE COMING MONTHS. IN FOR-  
EIGN AFFAIRS, THE QUEEN'S SPEECH NOTED THE UK'S COMMIT-  
MENT TO WORK WITHIN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE EURO-

PEAN COMMUNITY, AND A DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE PURSUIT OF  
DETENTE, DISARMAMENT AND THE CURTAILMENT OF NUCLEAR WEA-  
PONS. SUPPORT FOR PEACEMAKING EFFORTS IN RHODESIA, THE  
MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS WAS ALSO EMPHASIZED. END SUMMARY

1. AS EXPECTED, THE QUEEN'S SPEECH AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE  
COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISH DIRECTLY ELECTED ASSEMBLIES FOR  
SCOTLAND AND WALES. THESE BILLS AND THE OTHER MAJOR CON-  
STITUTIONAL MEASURE, DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN  
ASSEMBLY, ARE EXPECTED TO DOMINATE THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

2. ON THE SUBJECT OF NORTHERN IRELAND, THE QUEEN'S  
SPEECH REAFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE TO ESTABLISH  
A DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT IN ULSTER ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PAR-  
TIES, THOUGH IT IS PROBLEMATICAL WHETHER IMPLEMENTING  
LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THIS SESSION OF PARLIA-  
MENT. THE SPEECH ALSO EMPHASIZED HMG'S COOPERATION WITH  
THE IRISH REPUBLIC IN SECURITY MATTERS, AND ITS CONTINU-  
ING EFFORTS TO END TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN ULSTER.

3. ON ECONOMIC ISSUES THE QUEEN'S SPEECH CALLED ATTEN-  
TION TO THE RECENT STRENGTHENING OF BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL  
POSITION AND STATED THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE CALLAGHAN  
GOVERNMENT IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR TO BE A RETURN TO FULL  
EMPLOYMENT, SUSTAINED GROWTH AND REDUCTION IN LEVELS OF  
INFLATION. NO MAJOR LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED IN THESE  
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AREAS. IN THIS REGARD THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM NORTH  
SEA OIL WILL BE DIRECTED TO "ACHIEVE A LASTING IMPROVE-  
MENT IN OUR INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE." LEGISLATION TO  
ASSIST SMALL FIRMS AND TO ENCOURAGE PROFIT SHARING WAS  
ALSO PROMISED. ON INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, THE SPEECH

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CALLED FOR "FURTHER CONSULTATIONS" AND THE POSSIBILITY  
OF ENCOURAGING INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY IN THE NATIONALIZED  
INDUSTRIES.

4. THE QUEEN'S SPEECH REAFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S POLI-  
CIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DEFENSE FIELDS  
AND EMPHASIZED ITS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO NATO,  
THE EC, THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE UN. A COMMITMENT TO  
THE OBJECTIVES OF DETENTE, DISARMAMENT AND THE CURTAIL-  
MENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS ALSO EMPHASIZED. RELATING  
TO THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, THE SPEECH CALLED FOR "A  
FAIRER DISTRIBUTION WITHIN AN EXPANDING WORLD ECONOMY  
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OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS."

5. THE SPEECH REAFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO  
ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA AND FORE-  
CAST LEGISLATION IN THE NEW SESSION TO GRANT RHODESIAN  
INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS  
PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER. LIKEWISE PEACEMAKING EFFORTS  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS WERE HIGHLIGHTED.

6. WE WILL REPORT SEPARATELY ON THE PARLIAMENTARY OUT-  
LOOK FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS.

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